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SUBJ: OPPOSITIONISTS CALLING FOR STAY-HOME ON JUNE 5

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM SEVERAL SOURCES, INCLUDING LEADERSHIP OF LIBERATION MOVEMENT OF IRAN, THAT DISSIDENT GROUPS HAVE JOINED TOGETHER IN A CALL FOR PEOPLE TO REMAIN AT HOME JUNE 5, WHICH IS 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARMY'S FORCEIBLE SUPPRESSION OF NATIONAL FRONT RIOTS OF 1963. DESCRIBED BY TWO DISSIDENTS AND AT LEAST ONE LEAFLET AS "GENERAL STRIKE," GOAL OF EVENT IS TO BRING COUNTRY TO A STOP FOR ONE DAY, OR AT LEAST MAKE SEVERE IN ROADS INTO NORMAL OPERATIONS.

2. DISSIDENT LEADERS TOLD EMBOFF MAY 30 THAT SAVAK HAD WARNED MOSQUES NOT RPT NOT HOLD COMMEMORATIVE SERVICES JUNE 5, AND OPPOSITIONISTS, NOT WISHING TO CAUSE VIOLENCE, HIT UPON IDEA OF STAY-AT-HOME GENERAL STRIKE.
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RELIGIOUS SOURCES IN ISFAHAN HAVE INFORMED CONSULATE THAT JUNE 5 MARKS 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF AYATOLLAH KHOMEINI'S EXILE (SIC), AND PEOPLE ARE BEING URGED TO SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH RELIGIOUS GROUPS ON THIS OCCASION AS EVIDENCE THEY WANT HIM TO COME BACK TO IRAN.

3. CONSULATE ISFAHAN ALSO REPORTS THERE ARE RUMORS OF

MASS DEMONSTRATIONS TO BE HELD IN QOM, AND POSSIBLE A MARCH ON TEHRAN BY QOM MULLAHS WHOSE INTENTION IS TO CLOSE QOM-TEHRAN ROAD. THIS SEEMS UNLIKELY, IN VIEW OF GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO BE READY FOR ANYTHING THAT COMES. MOST FAR-OUT RUMOR CURRENTLY CIRCULATING AMONG SOME SMALLER EMBASSIES HERE IS THAT THERE WILL BE A MARCH ON NIAVARAN PALACE ON JUNE 5. AGAIN, EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS IS VERY UNLIKELY.

4. POLICE IN ISFAHAN HAVE CAUTIONED FOREIGNERS TO AVOID UNNECESSARY TRIPS TO UNIVERSITIES AND BAZAAR, IN TEHRAN, NORMAL PRUDENCE FOR UNSETTLED DAYS BEING COUNSELED. THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPEAT NO ANTI-AMERICAN MANIFESTATIONS ACCOMPANYING THIS DEVELOPMENT. EMBASSY CLOSELY MONITORING EMERGING DEVELOPMENTS.
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